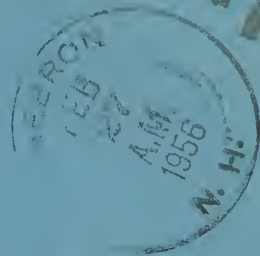


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ANNUAL REPORT . . .

# Town of Groton

New Hampshire

For Year Ending December 31

# 1955



Annual Reports  
of the  
**Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer**  
**Road Agents, School Board and**  
**Other Officials**  
of the  
**Town of Groton**

for the  
**Year Ending December 31, 1955**

## Town Officers for 1955

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Moderator .....	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk .....	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen .....	Webster D. Tibbetts Carroll D. Matthews Edgar C. McClellan
Road Agent, South End .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Road Agent, North End .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Snow Removal .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer .....	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector .....	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents .....	Selectmen
Librarian .....	Agnes A. Lane
Police .....	Lewis Albert
Health Officer .....	Minnie Davis
Auditors .....	Flora Matthews Zelma Watts
School Board .....	Mabel Brown Annie M. Esty Flora Matthews
School District Clerk & Treasurer ....	Ileene A. Matthews
Trustee of Trust Funds .....	Laue Nettleton
Library Trustees .....	Charles F. Place Flora Matthews Ileene A. Matthews
Janitor .....	Lewis J. Albert
Constable .....	Lewis J. Albert
Fire Warden .....	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens .....	Carroll G. Matthews Floyd Colby

State of New Hampshire

TOWN OF GROTON

Town Warrant

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the maintenance, repair and improvement of Town buildings or take any action thereon.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 to the Newfound Chamber of Commerce.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to maintain the recreation area and beach at Spectacle Pond.

8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote to pay the Highway Surveyor a salary of \$2500.00 and vote to pay him on an hourly basis.

9. To see if the Town will vote to ratify all sales of Town property made by the Selectmen for the years 1951 to 1955 inclusive.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 to purchase a truck or take any action thereon.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Hebron-Groton A. A.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199.91 for Town Road Aid, the State to contribute \$1272.70.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286.39 to make up the difference between State and Town TRA appropriations and the note of \$1750.00 payable to the First National Bank of Bristol.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for State Aid Construction, the State to allocate the sum of \$2000.00.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money sufficient for the remaining items of the budget.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty six.

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN

WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN

WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

Selectmen of Groton

# 1956 Budget

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

<i>SOURCES OF REVENUE</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956</i>
<i>From State:</i>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$	\$ 7.72	\$ 7.72
Savings Bank Tax	9.91	5.03	5.03
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	32.71	41.35	41.35
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,373.88		1,373.88
For Fighting Forest Fires	11.95	50.19	50.19
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</i>			
Dog Licenses	55.00	75.00	75.00
Business Lic., Permits & Filing Fees	1.50	.50	1.00
Int. received on Taxes & Deposits	60.00	65.13	60.00
<i>Income of Departments:</i>			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	400.00	384.00	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500.00	494.16	500.00
Sale of Town Property		150.00	
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than</i>			
<i>Property Taxes:</i>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	100.00	126.00	100.00
<b>Total Revenues from All</b>			
<b>Sources Except Prop. Taxes</b>	<b>\$2,544.95</b>	<b>\$1,399.08</b>	<b>\$ 2,614.17</b>
<i>*Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes</i>			<b>22,817.40</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>\$25,431.57</b>

\*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes" deducted from total "Estimated Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes."

*CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES*

<i>PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>Appropriations Previous Year 1955</i>	<i>Actual Exp'tures Year 1955</i>	<i>Estimated Exp'tures Year 1956</i>
<i>General Government:</i>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 863.77	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	424.17	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	100.00	104.03	275.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	600.00	567.09	600.00
<i>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</i>			
Police Department	50.00	32.50	50.00
Fire Department	300.00	148.95	300.00
Insurance		159.37	175.00
Civil Defense	50.00	17.72	50.00
<i>Health:</i>			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	3.00	5.00
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	2,966.73	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00	2,002.11	2,000.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	600.00	810.47	600.00
Town Road Aid	223.00	223.00	190.91
<i>Libraries:</i>	150.00	150.00	150.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00	540.81	700.00
<i>Recreation:</i>			
Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	200.00	185.00	100.00
<i>Unclassified:</i>			
Damages & Legal Expenses, including Dog Damage	100.00	30.00	100.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	50.00	50.00	50.00



*Interest:*

On Long Term Notes & Bonds	125.00	119.45	187.50
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*Highways and Bridges:*

State Aid Const.—Town's Share	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
New Equipment			5,000.00

*Payment on Principal of Debt:*

Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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*Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:*

County Taxes	983.44	983.44	983.44
School Taxes	7,032.85	7,032.85	7,139.72
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Total Expenditures	\$19,894.29	\$19,414.46	\$25,431.57

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLORA MATTHEWS

ZELMA WATTS

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

<i>Title of Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Unexpended Balance</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 863.77	\$ 136.23	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	424.17	275.83	
Election & Registration	100.00	104.03		
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	600.00	567.09	32.91	4.03
Civil Defense	50.00	17.72	32.28	
Police Department	50.00	32.50	17.50	
Fire Department	300.00	148.95	151.05	
Health Department	25.00		25.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	3.00	2.00	
State Aid Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Road Aid	223.00	223.00		
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	2,966.73	33.27	
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00	2,002.11		
General Expense of Highway Dept.	600.00	810.47		252.11
Libraries	150.00	150.00		210.47

Old Age Assistance	800.00	540.81	259.19
Public Relief	50.00		50.00
Parks & Playgrounds	200.00	185.00	15.00
Damages & Legal Expense	100.00	30.00	70.00
Advertising & Regional Assn.	50.00	50.00	
Payments on Principal	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Payments on Interest	125.00	119.45	5.55
County Tax	983.44	983.44	
School Tax	7,032.85	7,032.85	
Totals	<u>\$19,894.29</u>	<u>\$19,255.09</u>	<u>\$1,105.81</u>
			<u>\$466.61</u>

Net Unexpended Balance Over Overdrafts — \$639.20

## Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	600.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	300.00
Civilian Defense	50.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	223.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	600.00
Libraries	150.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Public Relief	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	200.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
Payments on Debt—Principal	1,000.00
Payments on Debt—Interest	125.00
County Tax	983.44
School Tax	7,032.85

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Total Town and School Appropriations	19,894.29
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**Less Estimated Credits:**

Interest and Dividends Tax	7.72	
Savings Bank Tax	9.91	
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Lands	32.71	
Reimb. a/c Growing Wood & Timber	1,740.25	
Motor Vehicles Permits	550.00	
Dog Licenses	55.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	1.50	
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	400.00	
Int. on Taxes & Income Trust Funds	60.00	
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Total Revenue & Credits		2,857.09
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		\$17,037.20
Plus Overlay		316.86
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		\$17,354.06
Less 63 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00		126.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		\$17,228.06
 <b>Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	17,228.06	
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	126.00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$17,354.06	

**Tax Rate — \$3.80**

## Summary Inventory

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Lands and Buildings	\$246,030.00
Electric Plants	206,580.00
Horses, 14	610.00
Cows, 25	1,840.00
Sheep and Goats, 1	10.00
Fowls, 2,560	2,500.00
Boats and Launches, 4	150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2	150.00
Stock in Trade	1,000.00
Mills and Machinery	3,750.00
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Total Valuation	\$462,620.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,250.00
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Tax Rate is computed on	\$453,370.00
Number of Inventories Distributed	170
Number of Inventories Returned	89
Number of Veterans Receiving Property Exemption	10
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax	9

# Financial Report

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## ASSETS

Cash in Hand of Treasurer	\$ 2,020.35
<b>Accounts Due to Town—</b>	
<b>Due From State:</b>	
Highway Construc'n in State Treasury	2,000.00
<b>Unredeemed Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1954	22.13
Levy of 1953	405.74
<b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>	
Levy of 1955	2,937.91
Levy of 1954	84.52
Total Assets	\$ 7,470.65
Net Debt	3,139.35
Grand Total	\$10,610.00
Net Debt— December 31, 1954	1,235.96
Net Debt— December 31, 1955	3,139.35
Increase of Debt	1,903.39

## LIABILITIES

### Accounts Owed by Town:

State Head Taxes Uncollected—1955	110.00
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### State & Town Joint Highway Accounts:

Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	2,000.00
Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury	1,000.00

### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

First National Bank of Bristol—Dec. 15, 1959	4,000.00
First National Bank of Bristol—July 22, 1957	3,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$10,610.00

## Summary of Receipts

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### From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year	\$14,872.06
Poll Taxes—Current Year @ \$2.00	84.00
Yield Taxes 1955	719.06
State Head Taxes @ \$5.00	260.00

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Total Current Year's Taxes Collected	15,935.12
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years	2,546.75
Poll Taxes—Previous Years @ \$2.00	42.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years @ \$5.00	108.00
Interest Received on Taxes	65.13
Penalties on State Head Taxes	13.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	610.97

### From State:

Interest & Dividends Tax	7.72
Savings Bank Tax	5.03
Reimb. a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	41.35
Fighting Forest Fires	50.19
Bounties	159.50

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	75.00
Business Licenses	.50
Fines & Forfeits, Municipal Court	384.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles—1955 Permits	494.16

### Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Long Term Notes During Year	3,500.00
Insurance Adjustments	28.99
Sale of Town Property	150.00

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Total Receipts From All Sources	\$24,217.41
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	5,407.77

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Grand Total	\$29,625.18
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# Summary of Payments

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

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### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 863.77
Town Officers' Expenses	424.17
Election & Registration Expenses	104.03
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	567.09

### Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	32.50
Fire Department Including Forest Fires	148.95
Bounties	87.00
Insurance	159.37
Civil Defense	17.72

### Health & Sanitation:

Vital Statistics	3.00
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### Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	3,723.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,966.73
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,002.11
General Expenses of Highway Department	810.47

### Library:

Library Maintenance	150.00
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### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	540.81
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### Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds	185.00
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### Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses	30.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	219.07
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	7.80

**Interest:**

Paid on Long Term Notes	119.45
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**Outlay for New Construction:**

Highways & Bridges—State Aid Construction	5,000.00
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**Indebtedness:**

Payments on Long Term Notes	1,000.00
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**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

State Head Taxes—1955	211.50
State Head Taxes—Prior Years	165.00
Taxes Paid to County	983.44
Groton School District	7,032.85

Total Payments for All Purposes	\$27,604.83
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955	2,020.35
Grand Total	\$29,625.18

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## Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$ 1,700.00
Furniture & Equipment	200.00
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	1,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands & Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, Lands & Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
 Total	 \$15,000.00

# Detailed Statement of Payments

## Town Officers' Salaries:

Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	\$	200.00
Webster D. Tibbetts, Selectman		200.00
Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman		100.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector		150.97
Zelma Watts, Auditor		23.60
Flora Matthews, Auditor		23.60
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator		5.60
Ileene Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer		150.00
Lewis J. Albert, Janitor		10.00
Total	\$	863.77

## Town Officers' Expenses:

Ileene Matthews, Clerk Treasurer	\$	70.43
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman		28.43
Webster D. Tibbetts, Selectman		8.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector		33.99
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds		36.00
F. J. Shores, Register		24.29
Newfound Print Shop, Nurses Report		4.95
N. H. Town Clerks Assn. Dues		2.00
Sargent Bros., Office Supplies		11.30
N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn. Dues		3.00
N. H. Assessors Assn. Dues		3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies		43.01
U. S. Truck & Auto Guide		8.00
Meredith Publishing, Town Reports		143.00
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags		4.77
Total	\$	424.17

## Election & Registration:

Ernest E. Matthews, Supervisor		20.06
Lillian Colby, Supervisor		15.34
Edythe Newton, Supervisor		22.42
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk		8.26
Lorena Waldron, Ballot Clerk		8.26
Cynthia White, Ballot Clerk		8.26
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk		7.08
Newfound Print Shop, Ballots		14.35
Total	\$	104.03

**Town Hall & Buildings:**

Carroll D. Matthews, mowing yard	\$	10.00
Floyd Colby, Labor		14.16
Edgar M. McClellan, Labor		108.56
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor		66.08
Perley D. Matthews, Labor		80.24
H. J. Follansbee, Paint		29.25
N. H. Electric Coop.		24.00
C. L. Esty, Lumber & Supplies		230.70
E. C. McClellan, Gas & Oil		4.10
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	\$	567.09

**Police Department:**

Lewis J. Albert, Chief	\$	32.50
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**Fire Department:**

M. E. McLoud, Brook Road Fire	\$	69.13
E. E. Matthews, Brook Road Fire		36.50
Lewis J. Albert, Kinnie Fire		14.16
Lawrence Bolles, Kinnie Fire		14.16
Town of Hebron, Kinnie Fire		15.00
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	\$	148.95

**Bounties:**

Edgar C. McClellan	\$	87.00
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**Insurance:**

John C. Ray, Truck Liability	\$	8.00
John C. Ray, Town Buildings		25.20
John C. Ray, Workmen's Comp.		126.17
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	\$	159.37

**Civil Defense:**

Edgar C. McClellan, Siren	\$	17.72
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**Vital Statistics:**

Ileene Matthews	\$	3.00
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**Town Road Aid:**

State of New Hampshire, Surfacing River Rd.	\$	3,723.00
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**General Expenses of Highway Department:**

Martha B. Tibbetts, Transmission & Rear End	\$	188.50
Barnard's Garage, Tires & Repair		531.93
Bartlett Auto Co., Repair		44.04
John C. Ray, Insurance		46.00
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	\$	810.47

<b>Libraries :</b>	
Flora Matthews, Treasurer	\$ 150.00
<b>Old Age Assistance:</b>	
State of New Hampshire, Town's Share at 25%	\$ 540.81
<b>Parks and Playgrounds:</b>	
Hebron-Groton AA	\$ 100.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	9.44
Perley D. Matthews, Labor	14.16
Perley D. Matthews, Dynamite	5.00
Raymond Davis, Truck	20.00
Forrest B. Adams, Loader	30.00
Roy Woodward, Sand	6.40
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	\$ 185.00
<b>Damages &amp; Legal:</b>	
Frederick W. Harrington Jr., Legal Advice	\$ 30.00
<b>Advertising &amp; Regional Assn.:</b>	
Newfound Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ 50.00
<b>Taxes Bought by Town:</b>	
Annie M. Esty, Collector	\$ 219.07
<b>Discounts, Abatements &amp; Refunds:</b>	
Lauie & Annie Nettleton, Tax Abated	\$ 7.80
<b>Interest Paid on Long Term Note:</b>	
First National Bank of Bristol, N. H.	\$ 119.45
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges, State Aid Const.:</b>	
State of New Hampshire, Cheever Rd. Const.	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Indebtedness, Payment on Long Term Note:</b>	
First National Bank of Bristol, N. H.	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divns.:</b>	
State of New Hampshire—	
Head Taxes—1955	\$ 211.50
Head Taxes—Prior Years	165.00
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	\$ 376.50
Lawrence Colby, County Tax	\$ 983.44
Groton School District	\$ 7,032.85
<b>So. End Roads:</b>	
Director of Internal Rev., Withhold	\$ 6.20
E. E. Matthews, Labor	235.76
P. D. Matthews, Labor	10.62
E. E. Matthews Jr., Labor	50.74
E. C. McClellan, Labor	143.96
O. G. Matthews, Labor	8.26
Norris Smith, Labor	22.42

Ed Butterfield, Labor	90.56
C. G. Matthews, Labor	4.72
E. C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	70.04
P. D. Matthews, Truck	120.72
C. G. Matthews, Gravel	12.00
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	250.40
P. D. Matthews, Gravel	38.00
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Coldpatch	34.78
E. E. Matthews, Stone Fork	4.59
E. S. Robie, Planks	4.00
Total	<u>\$1,107.77</u>

### Snow Removal:

Director of Internal Revenue, Withhold	\$ 75.50
E. E. Matthews, Labor	879.12
P. D. Matthews, Labor	357.30
E. E. Matthews Jr., Labor	39.06
F. E. Matthews, Labor	16.92
E. C. McClellan, Labor	150.40
Vernon Matthews, Labor	3.54
Forrest Adams, Loader	24.00
E. C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	317.87
C. G. Matthews, Loader	37.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	98.40
P. D. Matthews, Truck	3.00
Total	<u>\$2,002.11</u>

### No. End Roads:

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 341.64
C. G. Matthews, Labor	43.46
L. Bolles, Labor	7.08
Norris Smith, Labor	14.00
E. C. McClellan, Labor	157.92
E. E. Matthews Jr., Labor	43.66
Ed Butterfield, Labor	52.02
Charles Matthews, Labor	9.44
P. D. Matthews, Labor	51.92
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	290.24
P. D. Matthews, Truck	91.80
Homer Tarr, Team	54.28
E. C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	99.32
Phyllis Ashley, Gravel	21.00
P. D. Matthews, Gravel	14.10
Director of Internal Revenue, Withhold	1.40
Total	<u>\$1,293.28</u>

**No. End Roads (Simes):**

E. E. Matthews, Labor	\$ 79.36
E. C. McClellan, Labor	56.74
Homer Tarr, Labor	8.00
P. D. Matthews, Labor	10.62
P. D. Matthews, Truck	108.00
E. C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	25.38
C. G. Matthews, Tractor	162.00
Cynthia White, Sand	4.00
Rene Latulippe Jr., Dozer	5.00
E. S. Robie, Planks	106.58
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Total	\$ 565.68

# Report of Tax Collector

## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1955

— DR —

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$17,228.06
Poll Taxes	126.00
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Total Warrant	17,354.06
Yield Taxes	1,489.35
Added Taxes—	
Property Taxes	9.50
Interest	.05
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Total Debits	\$18,852.96

— CR —

### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$14,872.06
Poll Taxes	84.00
Yield Taxes	719.06
Interest	.05
Discount	237.88
Abatements	2.00
Uncollected Taxes	
Property Taxes	2,118.12
Poll Taxes	40.00
Yield Taxes	770.29
Uncollected Added Taxes	
Property Taxes	9.50
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Total Credits	\$18,852.96



## Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1954

— DR —

### Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955:

Property Taxes	\$2,172.60
Poll Taxes	42.00
Yield Taxes	458.67
Added Taxes	
Poll Taxes	6.00
Interest	65.08
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Total Debits	\$2,744.35

— CR —

### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$2,172.60
Poll Taxes	42.00
Yield Taxes	374.15
Interest	65.08
Abatements (Poll Tax)	6.00
Uncollected Taxes	
Yield Taxes	84.52
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Total Credits	\$2,744.35

## Summary of Warrant

### State Head Tax—Levy of 1955

— DR —

### State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$375.00
Penalties	2.50
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Total Debits	\$377.50

— CR —

### Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$260.00
Penalties	2.50
Abatements	5.00
Uncollected	110.00
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Total Credits	\$377.50

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax—Levy of 1954

— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955	\$115.00
Penalties	10.50
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Total Debits	\$125.50

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Remittances to Treasurer	\$105.00
Penalties	10.50
Abatements	10.00
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Total Credits	\$125.50

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax—Levy of 1952

— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1955	\$3.00
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Total Debits	\$3.00

— CR —

Remittance to Treasurer	\$3.00
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Total Credits	\$3.00

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of

December 31, 1955

— DR —

	Tax Sale on Acct. of Levies of:		
	1954	1953	1952
Taxes Sold to Town			
During Current Year	\$231.51	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes January 1, 1955		476.77	278.23
Interest Collected	1.02	6.29	44.52
Redemption Costs	1.25	.50	6.50
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Total Debits	\$233.78	\$483.56	\$329.25

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$210.90	\$ 77.32	\$322.75
Unredeemed Taxes	22.13	405.74	
Redemption Costs	.75	.50	6.50
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Total Credits	\$233.78	\$483.56	\$329.25

ANNIE M. ESTY

Collector of Taxes

# Report of Treasurer

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## Receipts:

### Annie M. Esty, Collector:

1952 Head Tax	\$ 3.00
1954 Property Tax	1,979.40
Polls	42.00
Yield Tax	358.66
Interest	54.70
Head Tax	105.00
Penalties	10.50
1955 Property Tax	14,872.06
Polls	84.00
Yield Tax	719.06
Interest	.05
Head Tax	260.00
Penalties	2.50
Taxes Bought by the Town	208.69
Interest	10.38
Taxes Redeemed—1952 Levy	322.75
Taxes Redeemed—1953 Levy	77.32
Taxes Redeemed—1954 Levy	210.90

### State of New Hampshire:

Plowing Roads	384.00
State Share Forest Fire Service	50.19
Reimbursement a/c Tax Loss, Forest Lands	41.35
Savings Bank Tax	5.03
Interest and Dividends Tax	7.72
Bounties	159.50

### Town Clerk:

Auto Permit Fees	494.16
Dog Tax	75.00

### Selectmen:

Pistol Permit	.50
Sale of Land	150.00
First National Bank of Bristol, N. H., Loan	3,500.00

**John C. Ray:**

Refund on Insurance	28.99
Total Receipts	<u>\$24,217.41</u>
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	5,407.77
Total	<u>\$29,625.18</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Selectmen's Orders Paid	27,604.83
Balance	<u>\$ 2,020.35</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

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**Report of Town Clerk**

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**Received from Auto Permits:**

Auto Permit Fees Collected	\$494.16
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**Received from Dog Licenses:**

Dog Taxes Collected	\$82.00
Less Clerk's Fees	7.00
	<u>75.00</u>

Paid to the Treasurer	<u>\$569.16</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

There was one fire reported for the year 1955.

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955**

NAME OF TRUST FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Income During Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. on Hand at End of Yr.
George Hall Fund							
Care of Lot, Union Cemetery	Plymouth Savings Bank	\$ 26.00	2%	\$22.85	\$2.21	\$3.00	\$22.06
Care of Lot, Union Cemetery	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F	74.00					
Cyrus Blood Fund							
Care of Lot, Rolfe Hill	Plymouth Savings Bank	13.00	2%	14.12	1.23	1.50	13.85
Care of Lot, Rolfe Hill	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F	37.00					
		\$150.00		\$36.97	\$3.44	\$4.50	\$35.91

MARTHA B. TIBBETTS

# Report of Librarian

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Books Owned January 1, 1955 .....	2,127
Books Added by Gifts .....	18
Books Bought by Town .....	14
Books from Bookmobile .....	200

## Services:

Volumes of Adult Fiction Lent .....	416
Volumes of Non Fiction Lent .....	141
Volumes of Juvenile Fiction Lent .....	392

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Total Circulation	949
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Regular Borrowers .....	29
New Borrowers .....	11
School Children .....	14

## Cash Statement:

### Amount in Hands of Librarian

January 1, 1955	\$ 3.36	
Gift from Miss M. F. Warner	10.00	
Received from Fines	4.04	
	<hr/>	\$17.40

### Paid Out:

For Mucilage, Ink and Tacks	\$ .40	
Paid into Library Treasury	16.72	
	<hr/>	\$17.12

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Amount in Hands of Librarian January 1, 1956	\$ .28
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# Report of Library Treasurer

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## Receipts:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	\$193.32
Gift, Miss Warner	10.00
Selectmen	150.00
Librarian	6.72
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Total	\$360.04

## Payments:

May		
31	Zelma Watts, Salary	\$ 2.00
July		
11	N. H. Electric Coop., Lights	24.00
16	Readers Digest, Books	4.00
28	Charlie Matthews, Janitor	7.50
Aug.		
5	Perley Matthews, Labor & Paint	38.42
5	Floyd Colby Jr., Labor	21.24
6	Ernest Matthews, Labor	12.98
15	Harold Follansbee, Paint	43.29
Oct.		
6	Perley Matthews, Labor	14.16
10	Farm Bureau, Insurance	6.51
26	Ernest Matthews, Labor	7.08
Dec.		
31	Agnes A. Lane, Salary	96.00
31	Readers Digest, Books	4.00
31	Campbell & Hall, Inc., Books	18.29
	Check Book	2.00
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Total		\$301.47
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1956		58.57
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		\$360.04



OFFICIAL REPORTS

School District  
of Graton

Year Ending June 30, 1955

# Annual Report of School District of Groton

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## School Directory

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews	Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts	Auditor

### SCHOOL BOARD

Miss Mabel Brown	Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Annie Esty	Term Expires 1957
Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term Expires 1958

### Teacher

Mrs. Daisy Day

### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

### School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

# School Warrant

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Groton qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 13th day of March 1956, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Groton this 16th day of February 1956

MABEL E. BROWN  
ANNIE M. ESTY  
FLORA MATTHEWS  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MABEL E. BROWN  
ANNIE M. ESTY  
FLORA MATTHEWS  
School Board

# Financial Report of School Treasurer

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

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## Summary:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954		\$ 945.18
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$4,721.28	
Special Appropriation	1,850.00	
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Total Receipts		6,571.28
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		7,516.46
Less School Board Orders Paid		7,478.72
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1955		\$ 37.74

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

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## Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA G. WATTS

Auditor

# School Board's Report

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## Receipts:

From Selectmen, Current Appropriation	\$4,721.28
From Selectmen, Special Appropriation	1,850.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$6,571.28</u>
Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1954	945.18
Grand Total	<u>\$7,516.46</u>

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## Detailed Statement of Payments

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### Salaries of District Officers:

Flora Matthews, School Board	\$ 30.00	
Mabel Brown, School Board	30.00	
Annie Esty, School Board	35.00	
Ileene Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer	30.12	
Zelma Watts, Auditor	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 129.12

### Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union #4	109.14
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### Tax for State Wide Supervision:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	34.00
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### Expenses of Administration:

Flora Matthews, Expenses	23.98
Annie Esty, Expenses	8.97
Mabel Brown, Expenses	2.75
State Board of Education, Handbooks	2.00
Supervisory Union #4	
Clerk & Office Expenses	98.37
Paul E. Farnum	
Dues State School Board Assn.	7.00
The Record Print, Notices	3.00
The Enterprise Press, Notice	1.50

First National Bank, Service Charge	.12
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Vouchers	12.47

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160.16

**Teacher's Salary :**

Ida G. Sirrine	1,657.20
Director of Internal Revenue	164.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	178.80

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2,000.00

**Textbooks :**

The Macmillan Co.	9.23
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**Scholars' Supplies :**

Bristol School District	1.50
American Education Publications	6.30
World Book Company	2.37
Supervisory Union #4	4.90

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**Other Expenses of Instruction :**

Supervisory Union #4	5.98
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**Janitor Service :**

Ida G. Sirrine	25.00
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**Fuel :**

Charles A. Carr Co.	150.28
Bun Swett	25.35

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175.63

**Water, Light & Janitor's Supplies :**

Milton Bradley Co., Chemicals	12.85
White River Paper Co., Cups	20.90
H. J. Follansbee Co., Thermometer	.40

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34.15

**Minor Repairs & Expenses:**

Perley Matthews, Labor & Materials	97.13	
Ernest Matthews, Labor	52.36	
Floyd Colby, Labor	8.00	
Floyd Colby Jr., Labor	2.95	
H. J. Follansbee Co., Materials	18.18	
Cynthia White, Cleaning	14.16	
George Tucker, Bulbs	.92	
Greenwood Plumbing Co. Cleaning Furnace	14.88	
Rand's Hardware, Repairs & Pipe	32.04	
	<hr/>	240.62

**Medical Inspection:**

Anna Lovett, R. N.	60.00	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	5.60	
	<hr/>	65.60

**Transportation of Pupils:**

Carroll Matthews	875.00
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**High School Tuition:**

Plymouth School District	1,160.00
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**Elementary School Tuition:**

Dorchester School District	410.16
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**Other Special Activities:**

Flora Matthews, Expenses of Trip	25.39
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**Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:**

John C. Ray, Treasurer's Bond	5.00
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**Retirement:**

N. H. Teachers Retirement System	140.49	
Supervisory Union #4	7.26	
	<hr/>	147.75

**Alterations of Old Buildings:**

Eastern States Artesian Well Co.	1,035.00
Rand's Hardware	514.72
Chase Grain Mill	57.40
Ernest Robie	18.65
Floyd Colby Jr.	7.08
Perley Matthews	62.98
Ernest Matthews	11.80
A. S. Woodward	24.50
Carroll Matthews	24.00
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	1,756.13

**New Equipment:**

Bun Swett, Space Heater, Flues & Labor	95.59
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Total Expenditures	\$7,478.72

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**Certificate**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

MABEL E. BROWN

ANNIE M. ESTY

FLORA MATTHEWS

School Board



## General Statistics

### Enrollment by Grades

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1954-55	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	11
1955-56									
Dec. 23	3	3	2	0	1	2	2	1	14

### District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1954-55	10.5	.53	11.03	95.1
1955-56				
Dec. 23	12.	1.3	13.3	90.2

## Tuition Pupils

### Plymouth High School—Rate \$305.00

Charles Tarr (part of year) .....	Grade 9
Mary White (part of year) .....	Grade 9
Margaret Latulippe .....	Grade 11
Josephine White (part of year) .....	Grade 11

### Canaan School—Rate \$125.00

Loretta Landon (part of year) .....	Grade 2
Pauline Landon (part of year) .....	Grade 3
Norman Waldron .....	Grade 8

# School Calendar

1956 - 1957

Open	Close
Sept. 5 (Wed.)	Dec. 21 (Fri.)
Jan. 2	Feb. 15
Feb. 25	Apr. 19
Apr. 29	June 13

**Days Out :** Oct. 12, Friday ; Nov. 22, 23 ; May 30, 31.

Close at 12:30 Nov. 21, Dec. 21.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180, including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if they are six by Sept. 30 and may enter if they are six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

# Superintendent's Report

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We wish again to emphasize the most serious shortage of teachers who are qualified through either training or successful experience, or both, and to quote material based on a study financed by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education and written by Mr. Beardsley Ruml and Sidney C. Tickton, noted businessmen. The demand for teachers is great and will increase for years to come because: 1) The total number of births during the depression years was relatively very small (the present college age group); 2) 1954 produced the biggest crop of babies yet with over 4 million being born in comparison with less than 3 million in 1944; 3) In the next 10 years we will need to recruit **three** new teachers for every **two** now employed; 4) It would take half of all college graduates for each of the next 10 years to meet this demand; 5) We have now 9,200,000 pupils in the 14-17 age level but in 1965 there will be 14,200,000! The above constitute basic facts, the foundation of serious troubles, and cannot be changed. These in themselves create a tremendous shortage of teachers, making a very restricted economic supply of a scarce commodity and resulting in an increasing market value of the same, higher salaries. Added to this shortage and increased demand due to increased number of pupils we have a rising salary level in the field of industries as shown below:

## Average Wages 1953

Workers Auto Manufacturing	\$4,947
Coal Mining	4,198
Electrical Machinery	3,956
Telephone Oper. N.Y. Tel. Co.	3,224
Teachers Big City High Schools	5,526
Teachers Small City High Schools	4,292
Teachers Small City Elem. Schools	3,682
Teachers Small Town Elem. Schools	3,190

From this it can be seen that there is little incentive for a pupil to spend four years, or more, of his life, and a considerable capital investment in a vocation paying less than jobs in industry which pay as you learn. Earning over \$10,000 per year were 41% of the physicians and surgeons, 28% of the lawyers and judges, and 24.6% of the dentists, and .95% of the teachers.

Why does anyone enter the teaching profession today? What are these basic figures going to do to every salary paid any teacher in the years to come? No amount of unfavor-

able publicity or unkind belittling thinking can change the demand for teachers caused by children already born and who will be educated during the next 20 years.

Much is being written about the poor quality of education of today and most of it implies great superiority of past educational systems. How did we get into such dire circumstances, if we are in them, when the situations of today are the results of a supposedly superior educational system of previous generations? Certain it is that those now in school and yet to go to school can not be blamed for circumstances due to their parents and grandparents. We are trying to blame the newly born for errors of our own, and past generations, which errors actually may not be very great anyway. Somehow or other the people of the United States past and present, (and future, I'm sure) have given an account of themselves unmatched, and universally envied. We might ask, "How good can we get?" The answer is, of course, "Better." That's the premise we work with, and always will, but to do so and keep some small degree of sanity requires a judicious omission of much that is being popularized at the moment. For instance, reading is taking a "panning" at the moment (it was history a few years ago and it will be either math or spelling in a year or so.) Most of what is being written assumes that we know nothing about two things: 1) How to teach reading: 2) What results we are now getting.

Let's look briefly at results of nationally standardized tests given every year in Union #4. To avoid exact identification we will assume the grades taken to be fictitious although the figures used are basically correct. Twenty four out of 35 in grade 6 scored above grade level in reading last April with the highest level above grade 10; 12 were at the 8th. grade level or higher. In grade 5 fifteen out of 30 were above grade with 8 above grade 7. More of the same could be quoted based on recorded facts but let's reverse the figures and say that 15 out of 30 were below grade level, which is true. Popularly these are the ones that get into print! But let's go on one step further and say that the abilities of the pupils in this grade vary from border line feeblemindedness to high superiority, but none near the genius level. We are speaking here of those abilities necessary to acquire a high degree of reading ability or academic achievement. We are not considering mechanical, social, artistic, musical, or any number of other abilities. In summary we can say that our results are as anyone acquainted with human beings knows deep down in his heart and secretly admits to his conscience: an average grade will test average in accomplishment with bright pupils achieving brilliantly and dull ones below a standardized level with exceptions both

ways occasionally thrown in for good measure; a mathematical average, whether of business profits or grade achievements, is composed of all elements both good and bad. Schools have one great handicap from the viewpoint of achieving only top quality results; We can not give the "pink slip" to those not improving our product! We might add here, in view of some recent publicity nationally, that it takes a mighty smart youngster with exceptional ability in mathematics to become an engineer; just requiring all pupils to take four years of high school math is not going to automatically produce atomic scientists but will produce an amazingly large number of flunks in high school!

Some few years ago the "better" schools were de-emphasizing marks to such an extent that those of us who were still "old-fashioned" enough to cling to them were just not accepted as being quite normal! A recent article has been written stating that marks are very much in style, are perhaps being stressed too much not because of not being in step with modern trends but because so many scholarships are being offered putting a very high premium on marks and slighting those which may have other abilities equally important, or more so, than those necessary to achieve good grades. And so the educational pendulum swings in another arc! Past performance is still one of the best indexes we have to predict future success.

The last legislature increased state aid to needy school districts from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 which when read one way is a 33% increase but when looked at from another angle is a mere \$300,000 hardly enough to build a high school for 150 pupils. When the tough educational problems facing us, and some are in Union #4, are carefully analyzed this is a very small amount of money when compared with what some of us believe will be eventually necessary to even partially meet our educational needs. Canaan received \$19,400 of state aid; Danbury \$8,143; Alexandria and Orange some few dollars over \$1,000. The first two are significant amounts but are small when compared with present and future needs (particularly the latter). Even towns not receiving aid at present, and who may never under a formula based on need as measured at present, may well require significant amounts of aid to meet future needs including salary spirals. The local real estate tax should not be expected to meet all of these costs and the state with its different sources of tax money will be required to help more and more or the federal government will be **forced** into educational fields because of its biggest source of revenues, the individual income tax of which New England contributes a share far in excess of its population. We are now paying for federal projects benefitting other sections of the country

and should not be too squeamish about getting more of it back here, at least for capital improvements for schools, flood control and like projects. We believe in local control of education, the least amount of state control, and no federal control, if possible, but, at present, we cannot foresee the local unit being able to increase its contribution indefinitely, foresee the state as being reluctant to be financially realistic in its educational obligations, and only a hodgepodge of ideas at the national level. A state building aid bill was passed providing aid beginning with the school year of 1956-57 **provided funds become available**. This would pay up to 20% of outstanding debt for a current year of buildings approved by the Department of Education. It seems unwise to plan on receiving much from this source because it is too indefinite. This bill marks a step up in the right direction and we have hopes of its increasing in future years. Educational costs are bound to increase very materially in the years to come due to the pressure of more children, if for no other cause.

The remodeling of the school is now complete. In addition to work originally planned the cellar has been completely insulated and a space heater installed to be used if necessary or in case of loss of electricity over an extended period. The new work "weathered" our December cold snap which should have been a sufficient test.

Mrs. Serrine resigned last spring to accept a better position paying considerably more. To secure a replacement it was necessary to pay an additional \$700. The time is not too far distant when teachers for one room schools will receive more pay than those accepting single grades. Since our high school and elementary tuitions are less than expected it seems probable at this moment that no deficiency will be required. This is figuring our items very closely and anything now unexpected would change the whole thing.

With regular maintenance and improved lights and seating this building would be in excellent condition, comparable to any.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

## Report of Public Health Nurse

Plymouth, N.H.  
January 21, 1956

Selectmen

Groton, N.H.

Dear Sirs:

The following is a report of activities carried on in the town of Groton by the N.H. Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Nursing for the year of 1955.

In May and October the first and second grade children had the opportunity of having the Salks Polio Vaccine at the Plymouth Clinic. Several children took advantage of this opportunity, and transportation was arranged by the School Officials. My sincere thanks for all assistance given for this program.

Home visits have also been made by the nurse to mothers, babies and preschool age children.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Barton, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

N. H. Department of Health

**SUPERVISORY UNION #4 BUDGET — 1954-55**

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	89.60	56.00	22.22	94.85	5.42	197.83	54.20	520.12
Bridgewater	104.16	65.10	25.83	110.25	6.30	229.95	63.00	604.59
Bristol	634.72	396.70	157.69	673.05	38.46	1,403.79	384.60	3,689.01
Canaan	440.44	277.50	110.78	472.85	27.02	986.23	270.20	2,588.58
Danbury	127.04	79.40	31.65	135.10	7.72	281.78	77.20	739.89
Grafton	108.96	68.10	27.10	115.68	6.61	241.26	66.10	633.81
Groton	72.80	45.50	12.26	52.32	2.99	109.14	29.90	206.61
Hebron	18.72	45.50	17.88	76.30	4.36	159.14	43.60	419.58
Orange	18.72	11.70	4.59	19.60	1.12	40.88	11.20	107.81
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>410.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,650.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>9,510.00</b>



## Comparative Budgets

<i>ITEM</i>			<i>Estimated</i>	
	<i>Expend.</i> 1954-55	<i>Budget</i> 1955-56	<i>Expend.</i> 1955-56	<i>Budget</i> 1956-57
<i>Administration:</i>				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 133.37	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
Supt's Salary (local share)	109.14	105.85	105.85	115.81
Tax for State-wide Supervision	34.00	42.00	42.00	36.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	52.32	58.00	58.00	54.50
Supplies & Expenses	108.59	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Instruction:</i>				
Teachers' Salaries	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Books & Other Aids	9.23	40.00	25.00	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	15.07	35.00	50.00	35.00
Supplies & Other Expenses	5.98	10.00	10.00	10.00
<i>Operation of School Plant:</i>				
Salary of Janitor	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel or Heat	175.63	200.00	200.00	200.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Exp.	34.15	50.00	50.00	50.00
<i>Maintenance of School Plant:</i>				
Repairs & Replacements	240.62	150.00	150.00	150.00
<i>Auxiliary Activities:</i>				
Health Supervision	65.60	65.00	82.65	50.41
Transportation of Pupils	875.00	875.00	1,088.50	1,050.00
Tuition, High School	1,160.00	1,200.00	885.00	1,590.00
Tuition, Elementary	410.16	500.00	136.20	125.00
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds	25.39	35.00	35.00	35.00
<i>Fixed Charges:</i>				
Retirement	147.75	152.00	200.00	200.00
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp.		5.00	5.00	88.00
<i>Contingency Fund:</i>		300.00		300.00
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>				
Addition & Improvements	1,756.13	600.00	542.98	
New Equipment	95.59			
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Total Expenditures	\$7,478.72	\$6,682.85	\$6,676.18	\$7,139.72

# VITAL STATISTICS

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## MARRIAGES

In Hebron, N. H., June 12, 1955, by the Rev. Ida M. Treganza, Sheldon Albert Woodward of Rumney, N. H., son of Harold A. and Hattie Boswell Woodward, of Rumney, N. H., and Pauline Mae White of Groton, N. H., daughter of Mrs. Cynthia White of Groton, N. H.

In Hebron, N. H., September 17, 1955, by the Rev. Deane L. Hodges, James Nelson White of Groton, N. H., son of Mrs. Cynthia White of Groton, N. H., and Beverly Ann Hobart of Hebron, N. H., daughter of Frank W. and Edna Rogers Hobart, of Hebron, N. H.

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## BIRTHS

In Hanover, N. H., March 5, 1955, to Robert D. and Ruth M. Joslyn, a son, Terry Dale.

In Plymouth, N. H., August 7, 1955, to Norris W. and Beatrice M. Smith, a daughter, Shirley Louise.

In Hanover, N. H., August 13, 1955, to Horace E. and Maxine H. Pike, a daughter, Debora Irene.

In Plymouth, N. H., September 22, 1955, to Lewis J. and Helen O. Albert, a daughter, Louise Elizabeth.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

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